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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM AMCONSUL BIEN HOA IS REPEATED

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1. AFTER FORMALITIES OF MY INTRODUCTORY CALL JANUARY 14, NEW TAY NINH PROVINCE CHIEF, CBHONEL TRAN VAN TY, DREW ME ASIDE TO COMMENT ON IMPORTANT ARRESTS DAY BEFORROHOF FOUR PERSONS FOR TRADING WITH THE ENEMY. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT TWO OF THE FOUR ACCOUNT FOR HALF OF ALL OF THE COMMODITIES FLOWING TO THE COMMUNISTS IN THE PROVINCE. THESE TWO, HBEVER, HAVE IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND OTHER TIES. LE VAN THAO IS A WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN IN PHUOC NINH TIED CLOSELY TO DISTRICT CHIEF WHO IN TURN IS A SON OF THE CAO DAI POPE. NGUYEN THI RICH, A WOMAN, HAS CLOSE TIES TO THE WIFE OF A LOWER HOUSE DEPUTY WHO WAS FORMER DISTRICT OFKBCER IN GO DAU HA. OTHER TWO, WHO ALSO HAVE HIGH LEVEL PROTECTORS, ARE NGUYEN VAN CHAN AND TRAN VAN HUNG. PROVINCE CHIEF WAS WORRIED THAT HE HAS PROBLEM NOT ONLY OF RETALIATION BY THUS ELEMENTS IN THE RING BUT ALSO "POLITICAL" RETRIBUTION.

COMMENT: IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT WHEN I COMMENTED LATER TO MR 3 COMMANDER ABOUT THIS MATTER, LATTER SAID HE HAS TOLD PROVINCE CHIEF THAT HE WILL PERSONALLY INTERVENE WITH PRESIDENT

THIEU IF ANYONE
TRIES TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR HIM POLITICALLY.

2. ARRO REPORTED TODAY THAT MAJOR TRAN VAN NGHIA, SECTOR S-1 IN TAY NINH, WAS ARRESTED BY MSS IN SAIGON JANUARY 16 FOR TRAFFICKING WITH ENEMY.

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